

# Did ronald reagan end the cold war? assignment

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The Cold War led the United States military into combat in Korea, Vietnam, and Grenade. As each side built up more and more nuclear weapons, the United States developed the idea of nuclear deterrence-the concept that neither side would use nuclear weapons against each other because each knew this would lead to the destruction of both the United States and the Soviet Union. On the other hand, Soviet leaders, for most of the country's existence, lived they could win a nuclear war.

By the time President Reagan was elected, two anti-nuclear treaties had been signed between the United States and the Soviet Union. These treaties were known as SALT I and SALT II (later re-named START by President George H. W. Bush). These agreements put ceilings on certain types of nuclear weapons but did not limit the overall nuclear weapons build up, did not involved dismantling existing nuclear weapons, and did not involve oversight of the treaties.

In 1981, while both the Soviet Union and the United States had the nuclear capacity to destroy the world, the Soviet Union had built up considerably more nuclear arms than the United States. Excerpts of Reagan Farewell Address to the Nation: " We must keep up our guard, but we must continue to work together to lessen and eliminate tension and mistrust My view is that President Gorbachev is different from previous Soviet leaders I think he knows some of the things wrong with his policies and is trying to fix them.

We wish him well And we'll continue to work to make sure that the Soviet Union that eventually emerges from this process is a less threatening one.

What it all boils down to is this: I want the new closeness to continue. And it will, as long as we make it clear that we will continue to act in a certain way as long as they continue to act in a helpful manner. If and when they don't, at first pull your punches. If they persist, PDP the plug. It's still bust but Verdi. It's stability, but cut the cards they still watch closely. And don't be afraid to see what you see. Comments of General Secretary Gorbachev at Reagan Funeral I think we do the Cold War, particularly theosophist Union. We each lost \$10 trillion," (referring to the money Russians and Americans spent on an arms race that lasted more than four decades). " We only won when the Cold War ended" ' all that talk that somehow Reggae's arms race forced me to look for some arms reductions, etc. , that's not serious The Soviet Union could have withdrawn any arms race.